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Security at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has assessed the security at various airports and reviewed preparations of different layers of security mechanism at the airports in the country in view of terrorist threats;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Government proposes to form a special dedicated trained force for airport security operations in the country;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): the details of airports in the country which do not have CISF security cover and reasons for the same?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the regulatory authority for Civil Aviation security in the country, conducts regular audits and inspections to ensure that the various regulations regarding security are carried out on the ground. Security audits/inspections/surprise tests are carried out by teams of officers led by BCAS as per the laid down procedures. The audits and inspections of their own operations are conducted by airport operators, cargo operators, airlines and Aviation Security Group to ensure compliance of responsibilities assigned to respective agencies.

(c) , (d) & (e): To address the issue of creation of Aviation Security Force, a study was conducted in 2011, through a study team of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which inter-alia recommended for creation of a dedicated Aviation Security Force. Pursuant to the recommendations made by Committee of Secretaries (CoS) and based on prioritization of Airports, CISF has been deployed at 59 Airports in India till date. A list of Civil Airports in the country which do not have CISF security cover, but covered by other Security agencies, is annexed.